

Community Development Action Grant

Introduction and Description

The purpose of the Community Development Action Grant (CDAG) is to expand administrative capacity and program development for organizations whose missions include economic development. Investment will be prioritized toward organizations whose focus are areas of economic disadvantage/distress.

(This program is established by I.C.4-4-24, "Local Economic Development Organizations.")

Applicant Eligibility

The following entities are eligible applicants for the Community Development Action Grant:

- Urban Enterprise Association;
- Economic Development Commission;
- Not-for-profit corporation established under state law whose primary purpose is the promotion of industrial or business development in Indiana, the retention or expansion of Indiana businesses, or the development of entrepreneurial activities in Indiana;
- Regional Planning Commission;
- Other similar organizations whose purposes include economic development.

Project/Program Eligibility

Eligible applicants may use CDAG funds to offset expenses for **salaries, office and other facilities, strategic plan development, and professional services**. Each eligible applicant must present a defined scope of services with which their proposed program/project must comply:

1. Urban Enterprise Associations may coordinate, promote and develop the enterprise zone, enterprise zone activities and community development initiatives within the enterprise zone.
2. Economic Development Commissions may investigate, study, and survey the need for additional job opportunities, industrial diversification, extension or improvement of water services and, as a result, recommend action to improve or promote these areas.
3. A not-for-profit corporation may promote industrial or business development in Indiana, retain or expand Indiana businesses, or develop entrepreneurial activities in Indiana.
4. A not-for-profit educational organization may educate and develop local leadership for economic development initiatives.
5. Other similar organizations whose purposes include economic development. Organizations applying under this category *_must be not-for-profit organizations and must fulfill two requirements:*

- Applicant organizations must document the relationship of the proposed CDAG activity to an approved local economic development plan. This documentation must be submitted by the entity undertaking the economic development initiative on behalf of the applicant.
- Applicant organization must provide written confirmation that proposed CDAG activity is consistent with local economic development initiatives and strategies. This confirmation must be submitted by an eligible applicant listed 1 - 5 above on behalf of the applicant.

Funding and Distribution

The Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC) distributes CDAG funds every **annually**. The next biennium starts July 1, 2003 and ends June 30, 2004.

CDAG funds must be matched by funds raised by the applicant organization from sources other than state funds.

- For organizations serving only one county:
 - Maximum grant award is \$20,000
 - Grant monies must be matched at a two-to-one ratio
- For organizations serving two or more counties:
 - Maximum grant award is \$30,000
 - Grant monies must be matched at a one-to-one ratio

CDAG funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis. All reimbursement claims must be submitted before the first day of June 2004.

Performance with past funding rounds may be a factor in deciding future awards.

Readiness to Proceed: Source/Amount of Matching Funds

Verification of source and amount of matching funds must be included in the CDAG application in order for the applicant to be eligible. **Failure to do so will result in "failed threshold" status.**

Please note that costs incurred prior to CDAG grant award are ineligible for reimbursement. Costs incurred between the CDAG award date and the full execution of the grant agreement are incurred at the applicant's own risk.

Application Process

Each applicant must submit a letter of intent prior to submission of the application. This process allows IDOC field staff an opportunity to provide necessary technical assistance to the applicant.

Awards and Program Administration

All applicants will be contacted by IDOC regarding award or denial of the grant. A grant implementation manual with grant agreements and other necessary forms will be made available at an implementation workshop, outlining procedures for signature process, reimbursement requests and closeout documents.

Attendance at the CDAG workshop is mandatory. The date of the workshop will be stated in the award letter.

2004 Community Development Action Grant Recipients

Organization	City	County	Award
Community Education Coalition, Inc.	Connersville	Fayette	\$20,000.00
Downtown Business Center	Lafayette	Tippecanoe	\$20,000.00
Downtown Hammond Council	Hammond	Lake	\$20,000.00
Elkhart Centre, Inc.	Elkhart	Elkhart	\$20,000.00
Evansville ARD, Inc.	Evansville	Vanderburgh	\$30,000.00
Fort Wayne Women's Bureau	Fort Wayne	Allen	\$30,000.00
Greater Lafayette Community Development Corporation	Lafayette	Tippecanoe	\$20,000.00
Historic Farmland USA	Farmland	Randolph	\$1,705.00
Jennings County Economic Development Corporation	North Vernon	Jennings	\$20,000.00
Kosciusko Development, Inc.	Warsaw	Kosciusko	\$20,000.00
Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association	Lafayette	Tippecanoe	\$20,000.00
Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc.	Madison	Jefferson	\$30,000.00
Middle Way House, Inc.	Bloomington	Monroe	\$30,000.00
New Albany Urban Enterprise Association, Inc.	New Albany	Floyd	\$18,027.00
Our Greater Community, Inc. d/b/a Neighborhood Economic Development Center	Evansville	Vanderburgh	\$9,000.00
Scott County Partnership	Scottsburg	Scott	\$20,000.00
SEED Corporation	Bloomington	Monroe	\$25,000.00
Southern Indiana Development Commission	Loogootee	Martin	\$30,000.00
Terre Haute Urban Enterprise Association	Terre Haute	Vigo	\$18,768.00
The Center of Workforce Innovations, Inc.	Valparaiso	Porter	\$30,000.00
Warren County Local Economic Development Organization	Williamsport	Warren	\$20,000.00
Washington County Economic Growth Partnership, Inc.	Salem	Washington	\$20,000.00

Questions regarding these policies should be directed to the Community Development Division by calling 317/232-8911 in the Indianapolis area, 800/824-2476 elsewhere in Indiana, via TDD at 317/233-5977 or write:

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